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(4) A full-time Assistant Physical Director and a Woman Specialist in Physical Education are employed in the department to promote physical education in boys' and girls' schools respectively.

Further particulars are given in paragraph 45 of the Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for the quinquennium 1921–22 to 1926–27. As the hon. Member is aware, two Committees have been appointed by Government to consider and report on the question of physical education in secondary and in elementary schools for boys.

(b) Moral instruction provides for the inculcation of patriotism and other items in the school curriculum such as History and Literature provide opportunities for teaching a love of country.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I ask whether there are any schools where patriotism is taught ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The answer depends upon the hon. Member's idea of patriotism."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" In the same sense in which the answer is given to this question."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I think that patriotism is taught in the schools."

Alleged withholding of leave salary of clerks in the Education department.

*712 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what were the cases in the clerical staff in the Educational department during the last three years, 1926–27, 1927–28 and 1928–29 (up to date) in which the last sentence of rule 17 in Annexure II to Part I, Fundamental Rules, was applied and leave withheld in spite of the production of a proper medical certificate ;

(b) what was the amount of leave pay in each case that was so withheld ; and

(c) what was the actual pay of the incumbent at the time per mensem ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information. They do not think that any useful purpose will be served by the collection of the statistics required.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government is prepared to reconsider his decision ' that it does not serve any useful purpose ' and whether he is aware that the collection of statistics is required in order to get an idea as to how much injustice has been done ? The rule appears to be an exceptional one."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" If the hon. Member will bring to the notice of the Government any injustice that is done, the Government will consider what can be done to alleviate the grievances."